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SUBJECT: DG CONVENING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN JAN 23

REF: (A) MTN GENEVA 9485; (B) MTN GENEVA 9195; (C) MTN GENEVA 9392
PARAS 10 AND 11.

1. GATT DDG PATTERSON ADVISED US JAN 15 THAT DESPITE
HIS EARLIER PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH AMB WALKER TO HOLD
OFF SEVEN PLUS SEVEN UNTIL EARLY FEB (REF A), DG LONG
CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE AT LEAST ONE PRE-
LIMINARY INFORMAL CONSULTATION AMONG SEVEN PLUS SEVEN
ON SOME MTN ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LDCS (PLUS
GENERAL STOCK-TAKING OF MTN STATUS ON OTHER ISSUES) PRIOR
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TO DEPARTURE OF KEY LDC HEADS OF DELEGATION FROM GENEVA

FOR MANILA MEETING JAN 29 WHERE LDCS WILL START COORDINATION OF POSITIONS FOR UNCTAD-IV. MOST IMPORTANT, IN LONG'S VIEW, IS BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AT DEC TNC CONCERNING GATT REFORM (REFS B AND C); ANOTHER IS INDIAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH MTN GROUP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. LONG THINKS IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO HAVE LDCS MEET IN MANILA AND BE ABLE TO SAY, ACCURATELY, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP ACTION, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, IN MTN ON BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL INTRODUCED IN EARLY DECEMBER. PATTERSON EMPHASIZED LONG DID NOT "EXPECT MUCH" TO COME OUT OF SEVEN PLUS SEVEN THIS EARLY ON BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AND CERTAINLY NO DECISION BUT THOUGHT EXCHANGE OF PRELIMINARY VIEWS AND/OR QUESTIONS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO INDICATE DC CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT. PURPOSE OF GENERAL STOCK-TAKING OF OTHER MTN ISSUES INTENDED TO REMIND LDCS THAT MTN IS MORE OR LESS ON THE TRACK SO LDCS (HOPEFULLY) WILL NOT REPORT IN MANILA THAT TNC MET IN EARLY DECEMBER AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED IN MTN SINCE THEN.

2. PATTERSON INITIALLY SAID DG PLANNED TO CONVENE SEVEN PLUS SEVEN JAN 21 OR 22. WE SAID THESE DATES EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT TO US (AND PRESUMABLY EC) IN VIEW US-EC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS JAN 22 AND WE URGED DEFERRAL TO JAN 26 OR 27. AFTER CHECKING WITH LONG AND SOME LDC LEADERS, PATTERSON REPORTS SOME REPS WILL BE DEPARTING FOR MANILA WEEKEND JAN 24-25 AND DG ACCORDINGLY IS CONVENING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN AT 3:00 P.M. JAN 23. EC (LUYTEN) HAS ACCEPTED ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL BEFORE ENGAGING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ON THIS.

3. IN VIEW FOREGOING, WE HOPE AMB WALKER WILL PLAN REACH GENEVA BY 3:00 P.M. JAN 23 TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVEN PLUS SEVEN WITH BENEFIT OF KNOWING RESULTS OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, VIEWS EXPRESSED THERE WITH RESPECT TO BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL. IN ABSENCE OF ANY CLEAR US-EC CONSENSUS JAN 22 ON AN APPROACH TO BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL, A SERIES OF PROBING U.S. QUESTIONS AT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN RE INTENT OF BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AND ANY FURTHER ELABORATION OF U.S. PRELIMINARY VIEWS (REF C) MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUFFICE. INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR AN MTN GROUP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IS NO PROBLEM FOR U.S. IN VIEW OUR EARLIER EXPRESSION OF NON-OPPOSITION AT NTM PARENT GROUP MEETING DEC 4 (GENEVA 9083) AND WASHINGTON'S EARLIER AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL (STATE 284075). U.S. POSITION ON OTHER MTN ISSUES UNDER RUBRIC OF "STOCK-TAKING" WILL OF COURSE BE INFLUENCED BY OUTCOME OF JAN 22 US-EC CONSULTATIONS. CULBERT

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